

MHAIDS: Hints for helping the nursing student - YEAR TWO

Legislation/ Policy:

- Ask staff to show you how to access policies, identify relevant ones to read, and we encourage you to ask questions if there's anything you don't understand
- Learn how policies and procedures might impact on care of the client
- Learn about the Mental Health Act (MHA), Compulsory Care and Rehabilitation Act, 2003 (IDCCR Act), and Criminal Procedure (Mentally Impaired Act, 2003) and Missing person of concern (MPOC)
- Learn how legislation might be important in the placement setting e.g. how does the MHA, Criminal Justice Act (CJA) and CP (MIP) Act work together and how do they impact upon the client and influence care provided
- Learn about the importance of ethical standards and codes of conduct

Resources/ activities to explore and look at:

- Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD), Protection of Personal and Property Rights (PPPR) Act, Substance Addiction (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act (SAC ACT), Connect me, square reporting, statistics, HoNOS
- Restraint policy- inpatient and community setting. Attend MHA hearing/ court procedure
- Code of Conduct with focus on Social Media Guidelines
- Dress Code
- Privacy and confidentiality of information